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EO 12065: N/A

TAGS: CASC, OREP (RAYAN, LEO), GY

SUBJECT: CUSTODY OF VESSEL "ALBATROSS II"

REF: (A) GEORGETOWN 4066, (B) STATE 307131

1. REGISTRATION NUMBER CITED IN REFERENCE (A) IS
REGISTRATION NUMBER FOR VESSEL ALPATROSS III NOT
ALBATROSS II. ALPATROSS III IS OWNED BY ASOCIACION
E.B. INTERNACIONALE EMPRESA CARITATIVA, S.A., A
PANAMANIAN CORPORATION INCORPORATED MAY 22, 1978. THE
OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE LISTED AS FELIPE S. TAPIA,
PRESIDENT; ELOY ALFARO DE ALBA, VICE PRESIDENT AND
TREASURER; AND RODOLFO EVARISTO MENDOZA, SECRETARY.
RECORDS INDICATE THE CORPORATION WAS STARTED WITH \$10,000
OF CAPITAL. TAPIA AND ALFARO ARE MEMBERS OF THE WELL-
KNOWN AND RESPECTED LOCAL LAW FIRM OF TAPIA, LINARES AND
ALFARO, WHICH HAS A GENERAL CORPORATE AND SHIPPING
PRACTICE AND APPEARS ON THE EMBASSY'S LIST OF ATTORNEYS.
THEY ARE SERVING AS STRAWMEN FOR THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF
THE VESSEL, A PRACTICE VERY WELL ESTABLISHED IN PANAMA.

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2. [REDACTED] SOURCE

WHO DECLINED TO BE IDENTIFIED HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT,
ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS, THE PEOPLE WHO ORIGINALLY
APPROACHED THE LAW FIRM IN CONNECTION WITH INCORPORATION
ARE QUOTE NO LONGER AMONG THE LIVING UNQUOTE. THE SOURCE
ALSO POINTED OUT A PORTION OF ARTICLE 14 OF THE COMPANY'S
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION WHICH DIRECTS THAT NET ASSETS
OF THE CORPORATION BE GIVEN TO THE PEOPLES TEMPLE OR
THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST UPON LIQUIDATION OF THE COMPANY.
ALTHOUGH THE SOURCE WAS RELUCTANT TO MENTION SPECIFIC
NAMES, HE SAID THAT THE COMPANY'S STOCKS WERE BEARER
STOCKS AND, THUS, THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS WERE THOSE
WITH THE STOCKS IN THEIR POSSESSION. THE SOURCE LEFT
NO DOUBT THAT THE PT WAS IN FACT BEHIND THE COMPANY.

3. IN ADDITION, EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT THE
ALBATROSS III WAS PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED IN THE
PAHAMAS, AND THAT IT WAS PURCHASED FROM ONE LAL

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR

REVIEWED BY J. SIMMS, AMO DATE 2-27-81

PORTIONS DENIED AS INDICATED

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HAZARI (NFI). WHO IN TURN PURCHASED THE VESSEL FROM
ALBATROSS LIMITED (NFI). SOURCE ALSO SAID THAT THE
VESSEL'S PANAMANIAN REGISTRY WAS PROVISIONAL. MOSS
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